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ABSTRACT

This book, which is intended for vocational rehabilitation (VR) professionals, is a guide to many of the disorders included in the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual," fourth edition (DSM-IV), that VR professionals are likely to encounter. The introduction discusses the relationship between psychiatric disorders and vocational functioning and explains the role of the DSM-IV in VR. The following disorders are examined in chapters 1-7: (1) mood disorders; (2) anxiety disorders; (3) somatoform disorders; (4) paranoid, schizotypal, and schizoid personality disorders; (5) borderline, antisocial, histrionic, and narcissistic personality disorders; (6) avoidant, dependent, obsessive-compulsive, and passive-aggressive personality disorders; and (7) schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders. The following items are included for each disorder discussed in chapters 1-7: (1) illustrative case studies describing specific psychological and psychiatric symptoms and their vocational impact; (2) rating scales on which the severity of the impairment of victims' understanding and memory, concentration and persistence, social interaction, and adaptation as a result of the given disorder is rated on a scale of 1-5; and (3) summary of VR strategies and accommodations. Chapter 8 considers the role of psychological assessment in VR. Appended is a summary of relevant portions of the DSM-IV. The bibliography lists 21 references. (MN)

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